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**Passages DivorceCare** If you are experiencing the pain of separation or divorce, the caring community at Vienna Presbyterian Church invites you to attend Passages DivorceCare. This program offers a path toward healing. The next 15-week DivorceCare series will be held Tuesdays from 6:45 to 9 p.m. beginning on Feb. 21. Vienna Presbyterian Church is located on the corner of Maple Avenue (Rt. 123) and Park Street in Vienna. Cost to cover materials is \$20, scholarships available. For more information or to register call 703-938-9050, go to [www.viennapres.org](http://www.viennapres.org), or send an email to [Passages@ViennaPres.org](mailto:Passages@ViennaPres.org).

**The S.P.O.T for Youth Wednesday's at 7 p.m.** A place where youth can come together and pray, ask questions about the faith and receive mentorship. The spot is a ministry of First Baptist Church of Vienna located at 450 Orchard Street, NW Vienna.

**First Baptist Church of Vienna** located at 450 Orchard Street, NW Vienna. Sunday services are held at 7:45 and 10 a.m. weekly. Wednesday Night with the Family service is held at 6 p.m. followed by corporate singing at 7 p.m. Bible studies take place Tuesday's at noon.

**Wesley United Methodist Church** located at 711 Spring Street SE, Vienna, Virginia 22180, at the corner of Spring Street and Moore Avenue. 10:30 a.m. fellowship time in the fellowship hall; 11 a.m. traditional family worship in sanctuary. If you are seeking a church home which encourages: caring and supportive fellowship, an active and devoted prayer life and study of scripture, support for local and world missions, an open, responsive awareness to the presence and power of God's Holy Spirit.

**Youth Activities at Wesley United Methodist Church** Activities are open to all 6th-12th

graders. Youth Sunday School meets every Sunday at 10 a.m. in the upper room.

Youth Bible Study will meet every Sunday at 4:30 p.m. off-site. Following bible study we will ride together over to the church for youth group. Email the Youth Ministry Staff for the address.

The Anchor meets every Sunday from 6-8 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Join us for dinner, games, worship, and diving deeper into the Word.

During the summer, Youth Sunday School meets most Sundays at 9 a.m. in the upper room.

To receive the newsletter or for more information contact [youth@wesleyvienna.org](mailto:youth@wesleyvienna.org).

**St. Thomas' Episcopal Church** at the intersection of Lewinsville and Brook Roads in McLean, just a mile west of Tysons, invites you for a casual Saturday Service at 5 p.m., followed by conversation and fellowship or for Sunday Services at 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. Sunday School for Youth and Children takes place during the 10 a.m. Service. Look for our Pumpkin Patch this October, and check [www.stthomasmcleanva.org](http://www.stthomasmcleanva.org) for Special Events and Services through the year. St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, 8991 Brook Road, McLean, 703-442-0330.

**Church of the Holy Comforter**, 543 Beulah Road, NE, Vienna offers a monthly Healing Eucharist with the Laying on of Hands and Anointing for Healing (first Sunday of the month, 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Chapel. The Healing Ministry is led by the Rev. Valerie Hayes and Alexandra MacCracken and includes a team of lay healers who have gone through intentional training and formation. Contact the Rev. Valerie Hayes at [vhayes@holyccomforter.com](mailto:vhayes@holyccomforter.com).

**Yoga Class with a Christian Focus** is held Saturdays, 3-4 p.m., McGill Hall or the Library at the Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road, NE, Vienna. This group is suitable for those with beginner and/or intermediate yoga experience. Dress comfortably and bring a mat. Feel free to bring a towel, block(s) or strap if you have them. Contact the Church Office at 703-938-6521.

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## Chief Still Withholding Officer's Name

**Temporary restraining order to not release name vacated by judge.**

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

**F**airfax County chief of police Edwin Roessler has yet to release the name of the 16-year veteran officer who fatally shot Mohammad Azim Doudzai, 32, at his Herndon-area home on Jan. 16 this year. On Feb. 7, FCPD said the unnamed officer had filed a temporary restraining order to keep the name from being released.

A preliminary injunction hearing was scheduled for U.S. District Court on Feb. 9, however according to a Feb. 8 order from Judge T.S. Ellis III, that hearing was canceled.

The judge said both parties involved confirmed Roessler “has discovered new evidence that must be carefully examined and investigated before the Chief can ascertain (i) whether there is a ‘credible threat to the officer’s safety and/or the safety of their family,’ and (ii) whether that threat can be ‘fully investigated or mitigated’ pursuant to defendant’s disclosure policy.”

The initial restraining order contended that disclosing the officer’s name would violate the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment by creating a risk of danger to them. With the name’s disclosure no longer imminent, Ellis III said, he vacated the order.

Ten days following the shooting, Roessler announced his threat assessment regarding the officer was incomplete. The 10 days is in itself significant, in that it’s part of new policy for FCPD that was recommended by the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission and approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors: Within 10 days of an officer-involved deployment of deadly force, or any other officer-involved incident where another person suffered life-threatening injuries, the chief is to release the name,



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**The police department used both less-lethal and lethal force at the same time to take the suspect down and rescue the hostage from the burning home.**

rank, assignment, tenure of the officer(s) involved and the current status of the officer(s), the policy reads.

“If the Chief has determined a credible threat to the officer’s safety and/or the safety of their family cannot be fully investigated or mitigated within the 10 days and additional time is needed,” the policy continues, “the Chief shall inform the Board in writing — through the Chairman of the Board and the Chair of the Board’s Public Safety Committee — of his decision not to release the information or to delay the release of the information, and his reasons therefore.”

**THIS IS THE FIRST** such incident since the policy was adopted. Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova said so far, Roessler has followed the new policy to the letter in this case.

“I think our policy is reasonable, fair to

everyone,” Bulova said. “It does require transparency — for the name to be released in 10 days, it’s a good period of time to make sure all information and facts, materials surrounding the incident, have been reviewed.”

Police had previously released that officers were called to Doudzai’s home after a call from two of his brothers, on their way to the hospital after having been shot by him. They had gone to the house at the request of Doudzai’s girlfriend after an argument, police said.

A perimeter was set up by police around Doudzai’s residence, during which time they said multiple fires were set inside the house and there were several reports of gunfire.

Officers learned while negotiating with Doudzai there was an additional 29-year-old hostage, a non-related roommate, still inside the home. Officers decided to approach the home; when they did, Doudzai

came out “with at least one knife in hand,” police said, and was shot.

The unnamed officer from the restraining order fired a service weapon, however police said other officers used less-lethal force on Doudzai as well.

The new communications policy lays out a specific time extension for the chief releasing an officer’s name and other information. However, it does specify “the Board and the public expect the Police Department to release other appropriate preliminary factual information and updates to the public as soon as possible.”

**THE POLICY** dictates the supervisors may review the chief’s decision at the next regularly scheduled board meeting and, if they deem it necessary, may “direct the Chief to release the name(s).”

Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock), chair of the board’s public safety committee, said that the matter has been put on the supervisors’ closed session agenda the day of their regular meeting on Feb. 14. If Roessler hasn’t released the name by then, Cook said, he will appear at the closed session and provide detailed reasons as to why he’s still withholding the name.

At that point the board will decide whether or not to give him more time or direct the chief to release the officer’s name.

The Board of Supervisors approved policy also emphasizes that 10 days is a limit, not a standard, and the importance updating other information about the event.

The policy reads: “It is important to note the 10 day period is primarily related to the release of officer names and is only designed as a limit to not be exceeded without cause, not a recommended standard, and the Board and the public expect the Police Department to release other appropriate preliminary factual information and updates to the public as soon as possible.”

Bulova said it would be “unfortunate” if the board’s policy to release the name is ultimately blocked in court.

“If a judge chooses to overturn that policy,” she said, “that’s an issue, that I think people will be watching.”

The full Feb. 8 vacating order is available online at [fcpdnews.files.wordpress.com/2017/02/020917-court-order.pdf](http://fcpdnews.files.wordpress.com/2017/02/020917-court-order.pdf).

## Hunter Mill Community Summit to Be Held March 4

**O**n Saturday, March 4, the Hunter Mill District Community Summit will take place at the Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon.

The event, which starts at 8:30 a.m., and concludes at noon, is an opportunity to get an update on the County and Fairfax County Public School FY 2018 Budgets, as well as be an active participant in dialogue and discussions. Hunter Mill District Supervisor

Cathy Hudgins will host the summit with presentations by Chairman Sharon Bulova, Vienna Mayor Laurie DiRocco, County Executive Ed Long, and Fairfax County Schools.

The highlight event will be the Prosperity, Equity, and One Fairfax Community presentation by Sookyung Oh, D.C. Area Director National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC). Oh’s advocacy and coalition-building work sup-

ports health reform, early childhood education and welfare (Head Start, family child care), immigration reform, and policies related to taxes, budget, pension system, health care, and immigrant communities.

Subsequently, the community will be asked to participate in a Build-A-Budget exercise, based on budget information and speaker presentation. During the exercise, residents will identify funding priorities and allocations to address need of Fairfax

County by electronic “vote,” the results of which will be instantly shared.

In addition, the Department of Tax Administration staff will be available to provide one-on-one consultation to senior and disabled residents on tax relief opportunities during the Summit hours.

To RSVP or for questions regarding the meeting, contact the Hunter Mill District Office at 703-478-0283, or email to [RSVPHuntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:RSVPHuntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov).

# Budget Season in Fairfax County

## Attend a town hall meeting and express your priorities.

Alexandria and Arlington each have a meals tax, both enacted without a referendum because as urban forms of government in Virginia, their local elected bodies were authorized to enact the tax legislatively.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors had to put the meals tax on the ballot for voters to decide, and after a heated campaign, the tax was voted down decisively.

Elections have consequences, a fact being affirmed on every level right now.

In Fairfax County, this means a more difficult budget process going forward than might otherwise have been the case. The vast majority of Fairfax County's \$3.99 billion budget is financed by property taxes, and the proposed budget is based on no property tax increase.

The meals tax would have provided about \$80 million for the schools; the current budget falls \$61 million short of the FCPS request.

While County Executive Ed Long has said there can be no new programs in the budget defined by no tax increase, we all know that some things could be cut to make room for new, needed programs. Long will conduct an online chat answer budget questions on Friday, Feb. 24, at 3 p.m. Submit questions here: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/AskFairfax/mobile/ActiveDiscussion.aspx?roomid=131](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/AskFairfax/mobile/ActiveDiscussion.aspx?roomid=131)

The county will hold a series of budget town hall meetings which will include a presentation, time for questions and feedback.

The Connection welcomes letters for publication on the budget, send to [editors@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:editors@connectionnewspapers.com)

EDITORIAL

### FAIRFAX COUNTY BUDGET TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Tuesday, Feb. 21 - 7:30 p.m., Great Falls Citizens Association, Great Falls Library - 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls  
Saturday, March 4 - 9 a.m., Hunter Mill District Community Meeting, Frying Pan Park, Visitors Center - 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon  
Wednesday, March 8 - 7 p.m., Providence Community Budget Meeting, Providence Community Center - 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax. - First Floor Multipurpose Rooms  
Wednesday, March 8 - 7 p.m., Sully District Budget

Town Hall Meeting, Rocky Run Middle School - 4400 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly  
Thursday, March 9 - 7 p.m., Mason District Budget Town Hall Meeting, Mason District Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale - Main Community Room  
Thursday, March 16 - 7:30 p.m., McLean Budget Public Meeting, McLean Community Center - 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean.  
Monday, March 20 - 7 p.m., Springfield District Budget Town Hall Meeting, West Springfield Government Center - 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield - Community Room  
Wednesday, March 22 - 7 p.m., Lee District Budget Town Hall Meeting, Franconia Governmental Center - 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria  
Monday, March 27 - 7:30 p.m., Braddock District Budget Town Hall Meeting, Robinson Secondary School - Recital Hall - 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax.

## Correction

Last week's editorial implied that in November 2017, the Virginia Senate will be on the ballot. The 40 seats in the Virginia Senate will next be on the ballot in November 2019. All 100 seats in the House of Delegates are on the ballot this November, 2017, along with Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General.

— MARY KIMM  
[MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM](mailto:MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM)

## SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to [north@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:north@connectionnewspapers.com) by noon on Friday.

**Haley Disinger** made Furman University's fall dean's list. Disinger is the daughter of Melissa and Douglas Disinger of Herndon.

**Mary Ruth Brown**, a 2012 graduate of Oakton High School and a 2016 graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, is currently in graduate school at East Carolina University studying meteorology/atmospheric science. She has been selected for an internship at NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, VA for spring semester 2017.

Two hundred thirteen Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students from 21 high schools have been named semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) for 2017. Semifinalists include **Allison Brown**, of Herndon High School.

**Claire Romansky**, of Herndon, was named to the fall 2016 dean's list at Hofstra University (Hempstead, N.Y.).

**Sriharsha VanKamamidi**, of Herndon, graduated from The University of Akron (Akron, Oh.) in fall 2016.

**Anne Kearns**, of Herndon, was named to the fall 2016 dean's list at DeSales University (Center Valley, Pa.).

**Louis Rigo**, of Herndon, was named to the fall 2016 dean's honor list at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (Madison, Wis.).

**Haley Disinger**, of Herndon, was named to the fall 2016 dean's honor list at Furman University (Greenville, S.C.).

## BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to [connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](mailto:connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/) by noon on Friday.

### THROUGH MARCH 7

**The U.S. Small Business Administration** is reminding businesses in Virginia that working capital loans are still available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and private nonprofit organizations affected by the severe storms and tornadoes on Feb. 24, 2016. Deadline to file is March 7, 2017. Visit [disasterloan.sba.gov/ela](http://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela) or [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster). Email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov).

### THURSDAY/FEB. 23

**Reston Association Meeting.** 6:30 p.m. at 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive,

Reston. Board of Directors meeting. Visit [www.reston.org](http://www.reston.org) for more.

### THROUGH FRIDAY/FEB. 24

**Diva Central Dress Drive with Reston Community Center.** Monday, Jan. 23 through Friday, Feb. 24, collection in building lobbies. Reston Community Center's mission for the annual Diva Central Dress Drive is to promote confidence and self-esteem by providing high school students a free prom dress and other accessories. Donate new or lightly used formal dresses, shoes, jewelry, handbags & accessories, collected in boxes located in building lobbies. [restontowncenter.com](http://restontowncenter.com)  
**Photographers Invited to Exhibit in "RPS Clicks @ USGS"** The Reston Photographic Society, a special-interest group of the League of Reston Artists, seeks photographers to enter their work in SEE BULLETIN BOARD, PAGE 9

## Job Fairs Match Teens, Employees

Supervisor Pat Herrity's (R-Springfield) office, along with a variety of business and community organizations, hosted two teen job fairs and resume building workshops last year. These events focused on students and younger job seekers looking for a variety of employment opportunities; full time, after-school, seasonal positions, internship opportunities, and volunteer positions. These two job fairs provided hundreds of teenagers the opportunity to get in front of employers and for employers to find talented Fairfax County students to fill their positions. More than 600 students and more than 70 employers attended both events combined.

This year, Herrity is teaming up with the Supervisors Kathy Smith (D-Sully District), Linda Smyth (D-Providence), and Daniel Storck (D-Mount Vernon) to bring our community four Fairfax County Teen Job Fairs and Resume Building Workshops. It is open to all teens in Fairfax County looking for employment or tips to build their resume. Free booth space will be provided to any business or organization to advertise

their available positions. Both teenagers and businesses/organizations may register to attend by visiting <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/teenjobfair.htm>

## 2017 Schedule

❖ Saturday, March 18, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Chantilly High School

Co-sponsored by Supervisor Kathy Smith, Chantilly HS STEM Academy, and Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce

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Co-sponsored by West Springfield HS Student Government Association and Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce

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# PET CONNECTION



Chippewa is now 10 pounds with an even bigger personality.

## Finding Chippewa

I walked into the Potomac Yard PetsMart in Alexandria with my partner on a Saturday morning in 2012 expecting to quickly go in to grab some cat litter and get out. After all, we were both preoccupied with knocking out our list of errands so we could move on to better things. That's when

a six-pound puppy stole my heart. We walked right into a pet adoption event.

Chipp is a Chihuahua-Shiba Inu mixed breed that was underweight, riddled with kennel cough and left alone after her brother was adopted without her. How could I say no to that little, sesame-colored

face? Here we are five years later, happy and healthy, cuddling by a campfire and walking in Oakland Park in Arlington. Thank you Last Chance Animal Rescue!

Last Chance Animal Rescue, Inc. is a non-profit organization with a mission to minimize the euthanasia of homeless pets

through both adoption and providing low-cost, high-quality spay/neuter for both dogs and cats. It partners with more than 30 PetSmart and Petco stores in the region to provide full-service, in-store adoptions. Adopt a pet: [lastchanceanimalrescue.org](http://lastchanceanimalrescue.org).

— FALLON FORBUSH



Here we are cuddling by a campfire last fall.

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**Raven** — “Is the camera on?”

## Sisters Double the Fun

**R**aven: I’m 12 1/2 years, girl toy poodle with black fur. Fergie: I just turned 10 years old, girl miniature poodle with red fur.

We recently did early spring cleaning of our toy stockpile and decided to donate to a club, at Herndon High School, that does community service with an animal shelter. We love to play with Ashley and Ashley loves to play with us. We’re hoping, in the next few months, that we add another sister in

our family. Raven says, “I need to teach her how to run the household.”

Our interests are:

- ❖ Go for long walks
- ❖ Give lots of kisses
- ❖ Lay on the deck and bask in the sun
- ❖ Bark loud at the squirrels
- ❖ Have Ashley rub our ears and bellies

— RAVEN AND FERGIE MORSE

Ashley Morse of Herndon sent us these photos for her doggies who “want to share the spotlight.”



**Fergie** — “Yep, it’s on. Keep looking straight ahead.”



**Raven and Fergie** — “What! Another issue of Pet Connection is here already?”

### PEOPLE & PETS OF HERNDON

#### Brooksie as Babysitter

Anyone need a babysitter?  
**Brooksie Cerney with 1-week old Chase Michael Cerney of Herndon.**



**Jocelyn Blanco of Herndon shares this photo taken in the warm early beginnings of February on the W&OD Trail. Her dog Jack Jr. enjoys runs on the trail when the warm weather hits and a breeze rolls in.**

**Carol Wesley Wright of Herndon writes: Pearl Ann is a one year old English Setter. She was the runt of the litter, underweight and under-developed. A litter sister bit her tail which caused a permanent to-the-left bend. Other than that — she is a perfect dog! We thought we were too old to get another dog — too slow, too lazy, what will we do with her when we travel, can we train her, will she bark and disturb us and our neighbors? Come to find out — we are the perfect owners!**



#### Memories of Christmas

**Olive, Haley McComber’s 2-year-old Beagle-Hound rescue, playing the part of Mary in a Christmas 2016 Nativity scene. Submitted by Stephen Gingras and (daughter) Haley McComber of Herndon.**





# County Executive Proposes \$4.10 Billion Budget

**Calls for no increase in real estate taxes; falls \$61 million short of schools' request.**

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

**A**n exercise in “triage and trade-offs” was how Mount Vernon District Supervisor Daniel Storck described the FY 2018 budget as proposed by County Executive Ed Long to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

“There are really no surprises here, but it is still sobering” to see the results in black and white, added Supervisor Jeff McKay (Lee).

Long is proposing a General Fund budget of \$4.10 billion.

The highlights of the 60-plus slide presentation include:

- ❖ \$1.97 billion for Fairfax County Public School operations, as well as School capital construction projects with \$13.1 million, and School debt service transfer of \$189.13 million.

- ❖ Additionally, \$83.4 million for school programs and services such as Head Start, Health and Behavioral Science Services and after-school programs.

- ❖ Funding for performance, merit and longevity increases for county employees.

- ❖ 18 relief Police Sergeant positions and \$2.7 million for pay scale levelling for uniformed Police and Sheriffs.

- ❖ \$3.10 million additional for Health and Human Services priorities, including for Community Services Board support for individuals with developmental disabilities to comply with current state and federal requirements and the addition of a human trafficking position.

- ❖ Funding for two new positions to support the start of the comprehensive review of the Zoning Ordinance.

- ❖ The county is able to manage the increases to Metro funding for FY 2018 – but the warning alarm has sounded. Starting in FY 2019 and beyond, the increases to the county’s required contribution to Metro “are not sustainable within existing revenue resources.”

- ❖ Reductions and savings included in the Advertised FY2018 Budget total over \$13.0 million, generated through agency-identified opportunities, other post-employment benefits, fuel savings, and cost realignments.

The proposed budget is balanced at the current real estate tax level of \$1.13 per \$100 of assessed property value and the county retains its Triple-A Bond rating.

By creating a budget without increasing the current tax rate, a number of county priorities cannot be funded, according to Long.

The items that have been set aside in the multi-year budget include a Market Rate Adjustment of 1.65 percent for county employees, funding for the second year of the Diversion First program, police span of con-



PHOTO BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION

**County Executive Ed Long said the proposed budget maintains commitment to the county’s financial policies addressing needs for both county and schools, but in the end “the county’s needs are much greater than our resources.”**

rol positions that were recommended by the Ad-Hoc Commission and a consultant study, public safety staffing plan, additional funding for employment and day support for individuals with developmental disabilities, information technology investments, and funding to replace fire and rescue apparatus. These items together carry costs upwards of \$125 million.

The budget falls \$61 million short of the amount requested by the School Board. To bridge that gap would mean a real estate tax increase of 2.5 cents, according to Long.

About 40 citizens rallied in the lobby of Government Center — until they were asked to vacate the premises and continue their demonstration and press conference outside the building. Led by Dave Broder, “Invest In Fairfax” made its appearance to “reject the FY 2018 budget proposal.” The group is a coalition of families, teachers, small business owners, county employees and firefighters, mental health workers and others. “It’s unacceptable that in the wealthiest county in the nation, the county executive would balance the budget by cutting mental health funding, cutting programs for people with disabilities and breaking promises to our frontline professionals.” Broder and his group are calling on the public to engage in the budget process and make their voices heard. “We need to remember that these services and our schools are largely what made Fairfax County great and they need to be protected.”

**LONG ATTRIBUTES** the majority of the county’s fiscal woes to sluggish economic growth. In the 10 years between FY1998 and FY2008 the county’s economy grew annually by about 6.5 percent. Since then, growth has slowed to 2.1 percent — less than a third of the growth posted in the prior decade.

“We have to also add in the effects of sequestration and the decrease in government



**Members of “Invest in Fairfax” rally at the Government Center during the presentation of the proposed FY 2018 budget.**

contracts,” said Long.

The largest portion of the 1.1 percent increase in total employment over the prior year has been in the the leisure, hospitality and retail sectors, lower paying categories. Job growth in the generally higher-paying sectors of information services and cybersecurity have lost ground. According to the county’s data, this slower economic growth and fewer higher-paying jobs have begun depleting the county’s coffers, while demand for services, as exemplified by the 2016 Fairfax County Human Services Needs Assessment, is on the rise.

Fairfax County’s high office vacancy rate is also having a negative impact on the budget. According to Long, of 116.4 million square feet of office space in the county, more than 20 million still sits empty. Even more worrying on this front, studies show that 73 percent of the the region’s office space is obsolete and just can’t meet the technology and work space demands of today’s business marketplace.

Long also produced statistics that show the local housing market still underperforming against the nation’s figures during 2016. With so much of the county’s revenues relying on real estate taxes, it doesn’t help matters when more than half of the 342,000 residences in the area saw no change or a decrease in their property’s assessed value.

Still unknown in the final budget evaluation is what effect the state’s yet-to-be-approved budget will have, as well as uncertainties surrounding the new federal administration.

The board’s next budget committee meeting is on Feb. 21.

**SUPERVISOR** Pat Herrity (Springfield) said in a statement: “It is again obvious by today’s proposed budget that we desperately need to do something about our unsustainable pension costs. ... I believe it’s time we refocus on our priorities like public safety, congestion relieving ... teachers’ salaries, and helping those most in need, and not balance the budget on the backs of either our taxpayers or our employees.

...The only way to fund our requirements is to set and fund priorities and reduce elsewhere.”

McKay and Supervisor John Cook (Braddock District) both expressed concern about figures showing that those least able to afford it seem to be facing the largest property assessment increases. McKay noted that in his district Habitat for Humanity housing ranked number three for the largest assessment increases in the area and questioned Long on “the math.” Long had no ready answer for this particular example, but promised that staff would look into the matter.

Cook questioned if the county executive had looked at inequalities and potential savings in programs like those that provide after-school care for all children at no cost, “even the children of millionaires who could afford to pay.” As for the lack of economic growth in the area, Cook said, “It’s been 12 years since we had more than 3 percent growth in the county. It’s time for the people across the river to stop this silly stuff and see to growth.”

Public hearings will be held at the Government Center on on April 4, 5 and 6. Those wishing to speak must sign up in advance.

The supervisors will be holding town hall meetings in their districts, and Long has committed to be in attendance to present the budget proposal directly to the public, and hear the public’s response and suggestions.

The Board of Supervisors’ meetings are recorded and available on the Fairfax County government website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov). Information about the meetings in each district is also available there, or call the local supervisor’s office directly for more information. The entire Advertised Budget Proposal presentation is also online. Citizens are also encouraged to participate in an online chat with Long on Feb. 24 from 3 - 4p.m. A link leading to a question submission for the chat can be found at the end of the “5 Things to Know About the FY 2018 Budget” on the county website.



# ENTERTAINMENT

Send entertainment announcements to [www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

## ONGOING

**Diva Central Dress Drive with Reston Community Center** Through Friday, February 24, collection in building lobbies 11911 Freedom Drive & 11921 Freedom Drive, Reston Town Center Help promote confidence and self-esteem by providing high school students with new or lightly used formal dresses, shoes, jewelry, handbags & accessories, collected on behalf of Reston Community Center. [restontowncenter.com](http://restontowncenter.com)

**Poets and Painters.** Through Feb. 26, various times at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Exhibit is “Springtime in Winter: An Ekphrastic Study in Art, Poetry and Music.” A reception on Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 7-9 p.m., will feature readings and music created to complement the works of eight fine artists. Visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com) or call 703-956-9560 for more.

**FPA Television Series.** Through Feb. 28, various times on Verizon FiOS TV and Cox Communications in Fairfax County, and by Comcast in Reston. The specials will air on FPA CHANNEL 10, FPA INTERNATIONAL CABLE 30, and FPA SPIRITUAL TV 36. Fairfax Public Access (FPA), will premiere a special series of new movies and documentaries throughout February, in recognition of Black History Month.

**Painted Passion at ArtInsights.** Through March 5, various times at the ArtInsights Gallery of Film and Contemporary Art, 11921 Market St., Reston Town Center. An exhibit of romantic couples from Disney and Star Wars as created by official studio artists. Call 703-478-0778 for more.

**Photography Competition.** Through March 11, various times at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Showcase the works of local photographers, with cash award to the winner. Awards reception on Saturday, Feb. 27, 7-9 p.m. Visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com) or call 703-956-9560 for more.

**Slave Life Exhibit.** Through March 31, various times at the Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. \$7 adults, \$6 students, and \$5 seniors and children age 5-15. Artifacts excavated from around Sully’s 18th-century slave cabins. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/)

[sully-historic-site/](http://sully-historic-site/) or call 703-437-1794 for more.

**Ice Skating in the Pavilion** 8 a.m.-11 p.m. open daily through March.  
**College Night Skate, Rock N Skate, Cartoon Skate** at the Ice Skating Pavilion. Every Thursday, 6-9 p.m.; every Friday, 8-10 p.m. Skate Shop, 1818 Discovery Street, Reston Town Center. 11900 Market Street. Receive \$2 off admission with valid college ID. Live DJ & music, games & prizes; skating continues until 11 pm. Share the ice with Scooby-Doo, Cat in the Hat and more. 703-709-6300 [skating@restontowncenter.com](mailto:skating@restontowncenter.com) [restontowncenter.com/skating](http://restontowncenter.com/skating)

**All-comers’ Group Fun Run at Potomac River Running.** Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. For beginners or competitive runners, come out for a fun, low-key run that is safe and social. Call 703-689-0999 [potomacriverrunning.com](http://potomacriverrunning.com).

**Over-40 Softball League.** A Fairfax-based league is looking for enough players to form another team. Players must be at least 40 years of age to be eligible. All games are doubleheaders - played on Sundays at Bready Park in Herndon between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. If interested, email [skeduman@aol.com](mailto:skeduman@aol.com) for more information.

**“A Bird in the Hand”** through spring 2017 Reston Town Square Park, 11990 Market Street, Reston Town Center. See and explore Patrick Dougherty’s monumental public art sculpture made from tree saplings. Presented by GRACE in collaboration with IPAR. 703-471-9242 [restonarts.org](http://restonarts.org)

**Teen and Adult Art Classes**  
**ArtSpace Herndon** Every Monday from 5:30-8:30 p.m. 750 Center Street, Herndon. Drawing and Mixed Media with Melanie Stanley - During Fall and Winter of 2016. Cost: \$45/class. The class will use a variety of techniques for drawing, painting, mark making, and collage using fine arts tools and materials. Students will be taken down a creative path to learn to use drawing tools and brushes more effectively. Register by emailing Melanie, and she will send you the supply list and payment options/information: [ridingfree2@gmail.com](mailto:ridingfree2@gmail.com). 703-956-9560. [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com).

## FRIDAY/FEB. 24

**Family Passport to Fun.** 6:30-9 p.m. at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave. Performance by the Herndon High School Drumline,



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## SATURDAY/FEB. 25

**Crossfit Grand Opening.** 11 a.m. at 293 Sunset Park Drive. Herndon Councilmembers and Crossfit workout demonstrations. Visit [www.crossfit286.com](http://www.crossfit286.com) or call 703-628-2956 for more.

**Cooking Class at Il Fornaio.** noon-2 p.m. at Il Fornaio, 11990 Market St., Reston Town Center. Includes three-course luncheon with wine and recipes. \$55. Email [banquets.reston@ilfo.com](mailto:banquets.reston@ilfo.com) or call 703-437-5544.

## FRIDAY/FEB. 28

**Floral Design Class.** 7 p.m. at the Mayflower, 11959 Reston Town Center. Learn the basics of floral design: proper use of floral tools, history on botanicals, flower care, floral and greens identification, color coordination, and design techniques. \$250 includes bouquet. Visit [www.mayflowerstoreston.com](http://www.mayflowerstoreston.com) or call 703-709-1200 for more.

**Design and Wine Workshop.** 7-9 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Participants will design and create a fine art mosaic piece using a supply of precut mosaic

## FRIDAY/MARCH 3

**Songwriter’s Competition.** 7:30 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Luke Brindley, of Reston, made the cut in the Folk/Acoustic category of the the third annual Bernard/Ebb Songwriting competition and is now a finalist to perform in a live concert performed by the competition’s finalists. Tickets are \$10 and \$15, at [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

## MARCH 3-11

**GRACE Art: Celebrating Creativity.** Various times at the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE), 12001 Market St., Suite 103. celebrates Youth Art Month with two exhibitions dedicated to the artistic achievements of the area’s youth. Opening reception and family day, March 4, 12-4 p.m. Visit [restonarts.org](http://restonarts.org) or call 703-471-9242 for more.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 4

**Silver Line 55+.** 6 p.m. at the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Avenue, Reston. Dinner and “An Evening of

Memories” honoring NVHC’s Jubilee. \$20 for members/\$25 for nonmembers. Reservation deadline Wednesday, March 1. Call 540-521-1692 or email [mssheinman@yahoo.com](mailto:mssheinman@yahoo.com) for more.

**Atlas Intersections Festival.** 8 p.m. at the Atlas Performing Arts Center – Lang Theater, 1818 Library St., Ste. 500, Reston. Northern Virginia based performing arts modern dance company performs. Visit [www.gindance.org](http://www.gindance.org).

## TUESDAY/MARCH 7

**Color Me Happy.** 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Adult coloring session. Coloring pages, pens and pencils provided. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) for more.

## WEDNESDAY/MARCH 8

**Healthy Diet Ideas for Diabetes.** 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Nutritionist Natalie Kannan presents ways you can help control your diabetes and pre-diabetes through managing diets and changing eating lifestyles. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) for more.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 11

**Lecture about County Borders.** 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Local historian Jim Lewis tells the story behind the evolution of the Fairfax and Loudoun County boundary line. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) for more.

**Purim Comedy Night.** 7:30 p.m. at the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Featuring comedians Bengt Washburn and Matty Litwak and the Shticklets. \$36. Call 540-521-1692 or visit [www.nvhcreston.org/](http://www.nvhcreston.org/) for more.

## SUNDAY/MARCH 12

**Lucky Leprechaun 5K.** 8:30 a.m. at the Fountain Square and Streets Race, 11900 Market St., Reston Town Center. 3.1 mile race and kid fun run. Register at [praces.com/](http://praces.com/) [luckyleprechaun](mailto:luckyleprechaun) or call 703-689-0999.

## MARCH 17-APRIL 1

**Emerging Visions: Interactions.** Various times at the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE), 12001 Market Street, Suite 103, Reston. After viewing Shih Chieh Huang: Synthetic Transformations, students were asked to explore different interpretations and aspects of interactions. The final selections will be on view in the gallery. Opening reception, March 18, 6-8 p.m. Visit [restonarts.org](http://restonarts.org) or call 703-471-9242.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 18

**St. Patrick’s Day Party.** 6-9 p.m., at St. Veronica’s Church parish hall, 3460 Centreville Road, Chantilly. A family event that includes food, drink, sing-alongs, Irish dancers and plenty of smiling Irish eyes. Adults \$7, Children \$5, drinks extra. Visit [www.stveronica.net/](http://www.stveronica.net/) or call 703-773-2000 for more.

## MARCH 17-19

**From the Mouths of Monsters.** Various times at Herndon High School Auditorium, 700 Bennett St., Herndon. \$5 for students, \$15 for adults, appropriate for students in grades 7-12. Visit [herndonhighschooltheatre.ticketleap.com](http://herndonhighschooltheatre.ticketleap.com).



## ‘Art Around the World’

The Carpet Weaver, Turkey, by Patricia Deege is part of the “Art Around the World,” exhibit at the Vienna Arts Society show running from March 6 at 115 Pleasant St. NW in Vienna.



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the "RPS Clicks @ USGS" exhibit. Entry forms must be completed online by February 24 and works dropped off on March 1. The exhibit and entry acceptance will be at the US Geological Survey, National Gallery, 12201 Sunrise Valley Dr., Reston, VA 20191. Visit the LRA website at [www.leagueofrestonartists.org](http://www.leagueofrestonartists.org).

## SATURDAY/FEB. 25

**Community Tax Assistance Day.** Deloitte presents its 10th annual Community Tax Assistance Day or Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Day (VITA) to serve qualified individuals and families. Deloitte employee/

volunteers will assist families with 2016 Federal and state tax returns for households with a total income of \$54,000 or less. Translations services in Spanish, Korean and Vietnamese will be provided. In addition, American Sign Language interpreters will be available. Location is Fairfax SkillSource Center, Heritage Center, 7611 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Appointments are recommended: e-mail [taxday@volunteerfairfax.org](mailto:taxday@volunteerfairfax.org) or call 703-246-3896. Walk ins are welcome. Additional information is available at [www.nvacash.org](http://www.nvacash.org). On tax preparation day, clients should bring all pertinent documentation. For a complete list, visit

[www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org).

## MONDAY/FEB. 27

**Planning and Zoning.** 7:30 p.m. at the Reston Association Conference Center, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. The Reston Planning and Zoning Committee meeting. Visit [rpz.korchy.com/](http://rpz.korchy.com/) for more.

## TUESDAY/FEB. 28

**INOVA Blood Drive.** noon-7 p.m. at the Pavilion, 11900 Market St., Reston Town Center. Visit [inova.org/donateblood](http://inova.org/donateblood) or call 1-866-256-6372 for more.



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## SPORTS

### A Date With Destiny

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



I suppose, given that Feb. 27, 2017 is the eight-year anniversary of my original non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV diagnosis, followed up almost immediately with my "13 month to two-year" prognosis, I should make mention of it. Not that I need any reminding, but perhaps you regular readers who don't exactly know my history, might be curious as to how long I've been droning on about cancer. Strictly speaking, it was June 2009 when my first cancer-type (it was the diagnostic process, actually) column was published: "Dying to Find Out, Sort Of." And I've been self-indulging myself ever since save for the odd occasion when my mind wanders elsewhere and I'm able to write outside the cancer bubble.

Which is probably a good thing, as is venting every week about the good, bad and the ugly, concerning my having cancer and learning how to live with it. Not that the content is particularly informative, factually, but it is an honest description of the anxieties and fears a patient experiences. Occasionally, I will include a few facts, but as a sports- and chocolate-person, medicine/science and my knowledge and understanding, and ability to explain them are mutually exclusive at best and an oxymoron at worst, with yours truly being the moron. What kind of moron you ask? As Curly Howard of The Three Stooges answered in a long-ago "two-reeler": "Why? Are there more than one kind?"

Nonetheless, in spite of myself, life has gone on as I'm proud and extremely fortunate to say. As to where I am in the cancer-survivor scheme of things? Somewhere between slim and none. When I was first diagnosed, my oncologist said the survival rate for similarly staged patients (stage IV) after five years was in the low single digits (as in 1 to 2 percent). When my wife, Dina, asked him why aren't there any parades for lung cancer survivors (as is so often the case with breast cancer survivors), he answered quite succinctly: "Because there aren't any," (survivors, that is). I appreciated his honesty and told him so. I was clueless however, as to what my immediate future would really be like. I would know soon enough as it was recommended that I start chemotherapy as soon as possible. I remember my brother, Richard, asking the oncologist what would he do if it was his brother diagnosed with lung cancer; his answer was to begin infusions without delay and so a week later, we began.

And so here I am, nearly eight years later, still minding my own business and sharing it with you all every week. My infusions now occur every five weeks, CT Scans every three months. My face-to-face appointments with my oncologist occur quarterly as well, a week or so after the scan to discuss the results. So far, mostly so good. Oh sure, I've had my moments (tumor growth, fluid build-up in both lungs followed by a week-long stay in the hospital, ongoing kidney concerns, no surgery though), but for the most part, I've been incredibly lucky (my oncologist calls me his "third miracle").

As to what I'm doing to help myself and hurt the cancer? Not nothing. In addition to the standard fare offered by my oncologist, I have supplemented my treatment with a variety of non-Western alternatives, many of which I've mentioned in previous columns. Are they working? They're not hurting, I can tell you that. Could I do more? Probably. Should I do more? Absolutely! Am I doing more or less than I used to? Less, I'm afraid. But as Popeye the Sailor Man said so often: "I 'yam what I 'yam." And come Monday, Feb. 27, 2017, I'll have "yamed" myself into an eight-year lung cancer survivor. Do I hear nine? Hopefully, I hear a lot more than that. From my pen to God's ears.

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**Herndon holds up the Conference 5 banner.**



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## Herndon Conference 5 Championship

BY WILL PALENSCAR  
THE CONNECTION

Coming into the Conference 5 girls championship matchup, Oakton (21-2) (8-2) had only lost twice, both to Herndon (16-6) (6-3). The first meeting on Jan. 6, Oakton would lose 66-23 with many of their starters suspended for an off-court incident during a holiday tournament. The other loss came 18 days later this time with their starters back, but which was much closer 59-51. Both have high expectations this season after they both advanced to the semifinals of the Virginia 6A Championship last season before losing. Herndon losing to eventual state champion Cosby 64-33 and Oakton losing to runner-up Langley 47-38.

Fast forward to Chantilly High School, where the Conference 5 Championship game was being held. Both teams already securing a home game in the first round of the regional tournament next week. In the first quarter, Oakton jumped out to an early advantage holding the Cougars to just 6 points while scoring 12.

Herndon would not be fazed turning a 6 point first quarter deficit to a 23-22 advantage at halftime.

In the third quarter the Hornets again outscored the Cougars 13-9 to increase their lead to 36-31 with 8 minutes to play.

In the fourth quarter both teams battled it out as each team put up 19 points to give fans on both sides a lot to cheer about. However, Herndon was able to beat Oakton for the third time this season 55-50 and hold the Conference 5 banner up.

Herndon was led by Indeya Sanders 18 points, and Taylor Strawser's 12. Kailyn Fee led Oakton with 17 points and Delaney Connolly 14.



**Herndon's Devyne Newman #22 elevates to avoid Oakton's Delaney Connolly #44 and Maddie Royle #42.**

### Beatrice Kelly-Russo to Play For Lynchburg College

Local high school senior Beatrice Kelly-Russo has accepted a bid by Lynchburg College to play on its championship woman's soccer team. Soccer has been her passion since starting to play at age 9. She has been goalie for several soccer clubs, Langley High School, Herndon High School, and an indoor team at Sterling SportsPlex, plus she coaches youth soccer there as well.

Kelly-Russo will be joining a successful soccer program at Lynchburg. The team has been invited to the NCAA playoffs every year since 2010. It won successive ODA Conference championships each year, and went on to capture the Division III National Championship in 2014.

Coach Todd Olson recruited Kelly-Russo early based on her performance at a soccer camp, and offered her a place on the Lynchburg team during her junior year at high school. She was honored for her selection at a "Signing Ceremony" Feb. 10 at Herndon High School.

Kelly-Russo is a high school honor student and has been awarded an academic scholarship by Lynchburg College.



**Bea Kelly-Russo and Cpt. Adler signing the intent form for Lynchburg College Women's Soccer.**

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Children play a game of soccer on the field during summer camp in 2016.



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The new turf and lights will allow the Bready Park soccer fields to be used more often.

# Town Soccer Fields Approved For \$1 Million Renovation

BY FALLON FORBUSH  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Herndon Town Council voted unanimously to approve a resolution on Tuesday, Feb. 14, that allows the town to accept funds to replace the grass soccer fields at the Herndon Community Center's Bready Park with turf fields.

"Our hope is that I can issue a purchase order to the contractor and they can start working on it in the spring," said Cindy Roeder, Herndon's director of parks and recreation.

The renovation project will also add lights to the field.

Roeder said the work will take about 90 days, which means the field will be closed for the entire spring season. This wait is nothing compared to how long the town has been working to fund the project.

"It's been in the [Capital Improvement Program] for more than 10 years to convert this field into synthetic turf," Roeder said. "We've just been bumping it until we had the money."

Once the project is completed, the turf field will also be able to accommodate other sports like lacrosse.

"It gives us the opportunity to provide a high-quality experience for the players on our fields and it provides us the opportunity to provide more playing time for kids to use the field," Roeder said.

The cost estimate for the project is just over \$1 million.

The town of Herndon will pay \$566,000; Fairfax County will provide a \$125,000 grant; and Herndon Youth Soccer will pay \$400,000 — \$200,000 right away and the other \$200,000 on a payment plan to the town. While Herndon Youth Soccer is not buying its way to exclusive usage, it will have first right of scheduling for the field,

according to the resolution.

The resolution requires both the town and the soccer club to take responsibility of maintenance, repair and upkeep of the synthetic turf, but designates the responsibility for the field's replacement exclusively to the town. The Bready Park tennis courts are next to be replaced.

According to the draft of the 2018-2023 Capital Improvement Program, the tennis courts will be replaced in 2018. This includes reconstruction of the courts to include all new 10-foot fences, the milling and removing of materials, new surface asphalt and new nets, posts and anchors.

## Herndon Hires New Director Of Finance

**T**he town of Herndon hired Jennie A. Tripoli as director of finance. Tripoli replaces Mary K. Tuohy, who retired in December 2016 after 22 years as the department's director.

In her new post, Tripoli will be responsible for direction of the town's financial affairs to include successful execution of the adopted annual budget; analysis and counsel related to fiscal decisions by the Town Council; management of financial processes to include inter-governmental grants, procurement, and fiscal policy execution; adherence to and preparation of accounting reports related to annual audit(s) and professional organization standards; and management of Department of Finance personnel. Tripoli will report to Acting Town Manager Bill Ashton and will serve as a member of the town's management team. "Jennie brings an



Jennie A. Tripoli.

exceptional mix of experience, expertise and financial acumen to her new role," Ashton said in a press release. "The Town Council, management team and I will

all benefit from her fiscal guidance. I look forward to welcoming Jennie to our leadership team." Tripoli comes to the town after more than six years working as the assistant director of finance for the city of Fairfax, where she oversaw department operations, implemented a purchasing card program for the city, and served as acting budget manager. Tripoli begins her employment with the town on March 13 and can be contacted by email at [jennie.tripoli@herndon-va.gov](mailto:jennie.tripoli@herndon-va.gov) or by phone at 703-435-6898, effective March 13.

## McNair Elementary Teacher Promotes New Books

**J**.C. Thomas, a fourth-grade teacher at Herndon's McNair Elementary School and comics creator, recently had an appearance at an area bookstore, signing his most recent books "Ninja Mouse: Haiku," and "The Gates of Dawn."

"Ninja Mouse: Haiku," earned acclaim from both Publishers' Weekly and The Midwest Book Review, and won a



J.C. Thomas

Gold Benjamin Franklin Digital Award from the Independent Book Publishers Association.

J.C. Thomas is a native of Herndon, where he has lived for most of his life, having attended Floris Elementary School and graduated from the Fairfax County Public School system. He has practiced and taught the Korean martial art of Taekwondo at the H.K. Lee Academy of Taekwondo in Herndon for over 25 years. He holds the rank of sixth-degree black belt, and is a former nine-time Virginia State champion.

### FAITH NOTES

*Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to [reston@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:reston@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday.*

**Trinity Presbyterian Church**, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon, has Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. during the summer. Nursery and childcare are provided starting at 8 a.m. until the end of the service. 703-437-5500 or [www.trinityherndon.org](http://www.trinityherndon.org).

**Vajrayogini Buddhist Center**, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston, holds weekly classes starting Sept. 12, Thursdays 7:30-8:30 p.m., for the general public which use Buddhist teachings to practice meditation. \$12 or \$6 for students, seniors and unemployed. 202-986-2257 or [www.meditation-dc.org](http://www.meditation-dc.org).

**St. Anne's Episcopal Church**, 1700 Wainwright Drive in Reston, holds

Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and contemporary service at 5 p.m. during the summer. Nursery, Sunday school and adult education available. 703-437-6530 or [www.stannes-reston.org](http://www.stannes-reston.org).

**Washington Plaza Baptist Church** will hold Adult Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at Lake Anne Village Center. The group is studying the Gospel of Mark. Services follow at 11 a.m.

**HAVEN of Northern Virginia** offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or [www.havenofnova.org](http://www.havenofnova.org) for schedules and registration information.

**The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Outreach Institute** offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources. Jewish rituals, ethics and the creation of a Jewish home, regular meetings and

group Shabbats and holidays. Participants include Sha're Shalom, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Rodef Shalom and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. [ShalomDC.org](http://ShalomDC.org).

**Epiphany United Methodist Preschool**, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3- to 4-year-old students. 703-938-2391 or [www.epiphanypreschool.com](http://www.epiphanypreschool.com).

**Hope Fellowship Church** will temporarily be meeting at Hyatt Place, 21481 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling. Sunday worship services are Sundays at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m., a Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and a weekly prayer conference call is Thursdays at 9 p.m.

The public is invited to join a Bible believing, multi-ethnic/multi-cultural congregation, with Bible-based sermons and uplifting music. 703-599-3527 or [www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org](http://www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org).